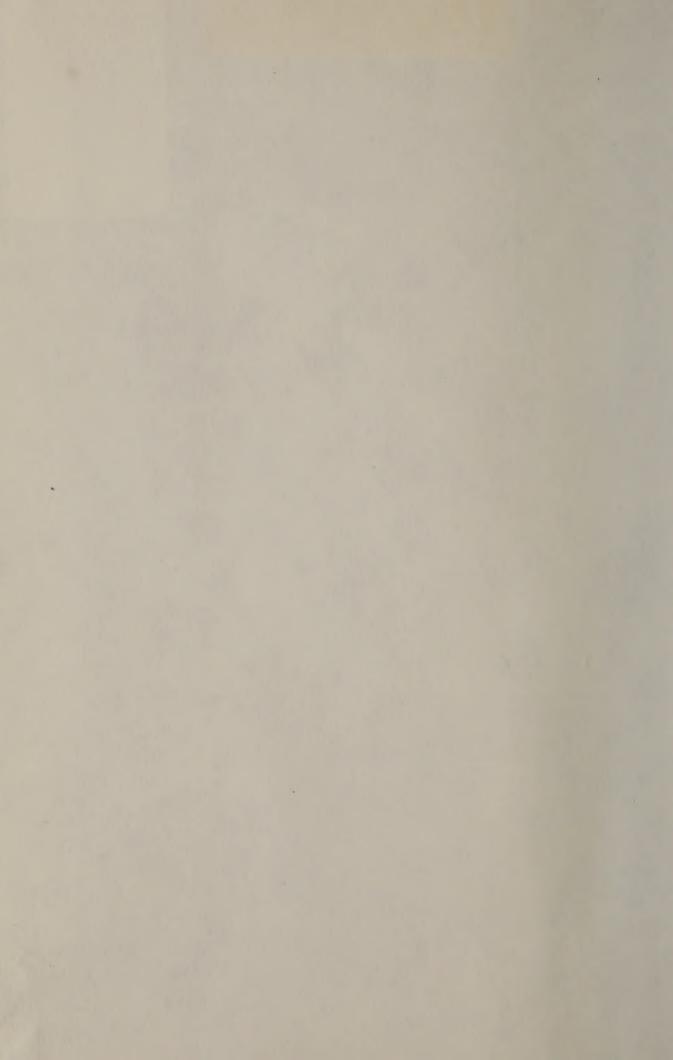


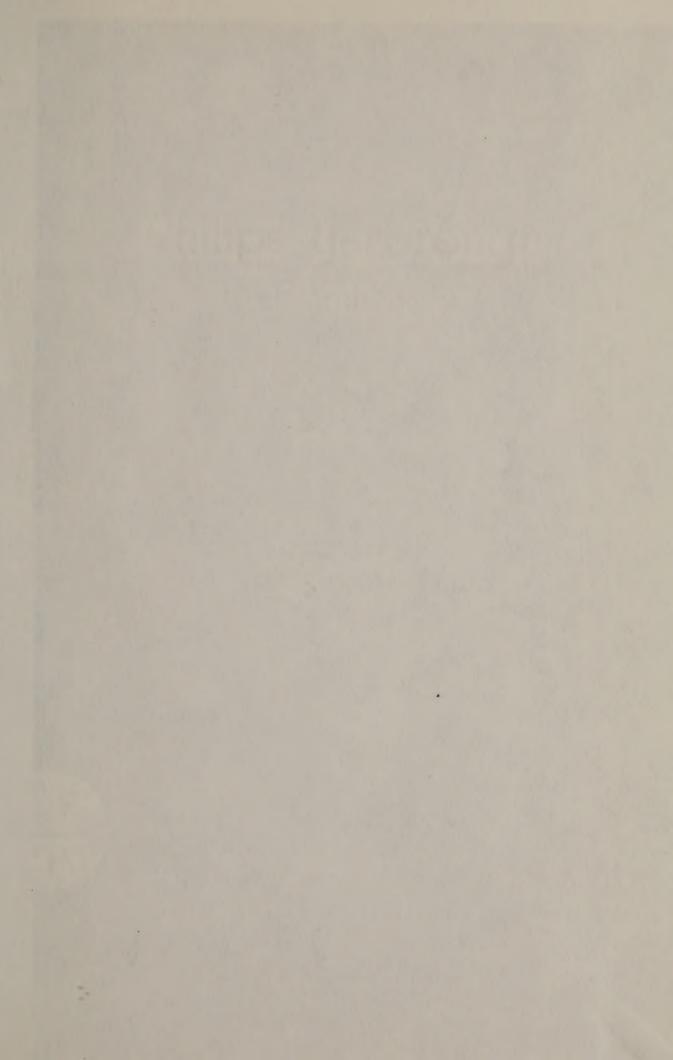
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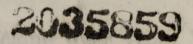
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## Dedication

To the memory of those of these two families who have passed on, and whose memory we cherish, this little volume is affectionately dedicated.

MAY SIDDONS PHILIPS.



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Two Philips brothers came over from Wales or Holland in the year 1620, and helped settle Plymouth, Mass., afterwards moving to Maryland and Virginia. One of these was named James Philips. The Revolutionary Records at Washington, D. C., show his name on a Registrar of Balance, due the Maryland line of 1783, dated October 30, 1784, which shows that a certificate of \$80.00 was issued bearing interest from January 1, 1783. Also a land grant from King George of England, original in Galveston, Texas by some descendant. He had four sons, James, Stephen, Jacob, and Reuben.

In the records we have, nothing of James, but presume he founded the line going into New Jersey, now represented by Edward H.

Philips of Branchville, N. J., and his son, George R. Phillips, who is at present State Forrester of Oklahoma, and who says his line is the same as ours. Stephen moved to Arkansas, later on to Mississippi, and has a son living in Sherman, Miss., named George Washington Philips, who was born at Pontotoc, Miss. He has two sons, Lucian and Carl, both of whom served in the World War.

Jacob lived an old bachelor, moved to North Carolina, killed there by negroes for his money.

Reuben moved to South Carolina. The original name was spelled with two "ll's", but much mixing of mails caused disgust, and one branch dropped one 'l', from which line we trace our descent.

Reuben Philips, born Oct. 7, 1777, came from South Carolina, near the dividing line, close to Nesbitt Furnace, Spartansburg, the old Cow Pen Battle Field of Revolutionary days. There is said to be a General Philips in the same line,

but we have not traced that up.

Reuben married Rebecca Watkins, Nov. 24, 1808. She was born Dec. 26, 1789. She came of an old esteemed family. They moved to St. Clair county, Alabama in 1819. Her father, Jack Watkins lived just west of Hopewell church, St. Clair county, where the D. A. R. School is now situated. He had sons named Jack, Ivan and Phil Watkins, were all great lovers of fine horses, and sports, and also great hands to joke and have a good time.

Reuben and Rebecca first lived with Samuel Boyd, eight miles from Ashville, Ala., one year later they entered land two miles east on Canoe Creek, but, later moved on Beaver Creek, seven miles east of Ashville, Ala., where they established their home. Here they built their home, a two story hewed log house covered with split

shingles, made with drawing knife. The place was in good condition in 1917, when visited by George R. Philips of Tyler, Texas, Reuben L. Philips of Pauls Valley, Okla., Sallie Philips Hodges of Ashville, Ala., and Lilly Philips Beason of Ashville, Ala., and had only been covered one time. George R. Philips took off a solid brass lock for a keep-sake. Pictures were also taken of the old house. The place is now owned by a great grandson, Walter Jones, son of Rebecca Oldham, daughter of Nannie Philips. In 1926

he was still living at the old place.

Reuben and Rebecca Philips raised a large family, who delight to do their memory honor. They prospered, accumulating property, money and slaves. They lived their three score years. Rebecca dying Dec. 11, 1850, Reuben, Sept. 6, 1856. They sleep peacefully in Mt. Hopewell Cemetery, Hopewell church yard, where they spent their peaceful, interesting lives, leaving behind a heritage of honesty and upright living for their many descendants. The writer, May Philips, visited the hallowed spot in May, 1926, and it was our pleasure to place a wreath of St. Clair County raised flowers upon their resting place. The monuments are in splendid condition, proving time is dealing gently with the record of their lives.

Their children were:

1. Delinda Philips, born Aug. 19, 1810. Married Miller Brown.

- 2. Benson, born Jan. 15, 1812. Died Oct. 15, 1814.
- 3. Polly, born Nov. 27, 1813. Died Oct. 11, 1868.
- 4. Ross, born Oct. 31, 1815. Died July 15, 1891.
- 5. Jackson, born May 29, 1819. Died Jan. 12, 1898

6. Nannie, born April 6, 1820, Died 1896.

7. James Madison, born June 7, 1822. Died May 9, 1905.

8. Grandeur, born Oct. 29, 1824. Died May 29,

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9. Sarah Ann, born April 19, 1827. Died 1925. 10. Caroline, born Nov. 3, 1829. Died 1883.

11. Pinckney, born March 22, 1832. Died June 30, 1862.

1. Delinda Philips married Miller Brown, son of David Brown, near Ashville, Alabama, later moved to Pontotoc, Miss., where an interesting family were raised, of the twelve children only one survives. Feb. 10, 1928, Reuben Philips Brown, of Durant, Miss., celebrated his 77th birthday. Delinda was killed by being thrown from a buggy by runaway team, on way to church. Miller Brown died of pneumonia. Children and grand children, as follows:

1. Wm. Ross Brown, married Susan Moffett, had

four children:

T. Ross Brown, died Dec. 12, 1927.

Susan Brown, died 1872.

Wm. Pinckney Brown, died 1876.

Wm. Lewis Brown, now living at Pontotoc, Miss.

James David Brown, married Eliza Smith, four children.

Joshua Miller Brown, living at Aberdeen, Miss.

Jannie Brown, married J. M. Powell, died March 2, 1926.

Andrew Jackson Brown, died 1827.

James O. Brown, died 1878.

Amanda Brown, married Dr. A. B. Caruth, died 1863. Three children.

Dr. L. O. Caruth, living at Tupelo, Miss.

Clara Caruth, married D. T. Adams, living at Tupelo, Miss.

Florence Caruth, married John Gray, died

1874.

4. Elizabeth Brown, married John W. Cox. Died 1859. One daughter:

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Sallie Cox, married W. K. Payne, now lives in Talpa. Texas.

5. Ruffus Jasper Brown, married Sarah Hutchin-

son. Six children:

Mattie Brown, died 1870.

Bell Brown, married M. B. Pitts. Both died in Sherman, Texas, 1907 and 1908.

Mary Brown, married E. C. Pegnes, Died

1884.

John W. Brown, now living in Tupelo, Miss. Rufus L. Brown, killed by auto, Dallas, Texas in 1916.

Amanda Brown, married W. M. Wheeler, now

living in New Albany, Miss.

6. A. B. Brown, married Mattie King. Died 1873, Pontotoc, Miss. Two children.

Wm. Miller Brown, living at Tupelo, Miss. Reuben J. Brown, living at Pontotoc, Miss.

Andrew J. Brown, married Azaline Burch. Died Aug. 18, 1926, Aberdeen, Miss. Two children:

Clarence E. Brown, Cashier First National

Bank, Aberdeen, Miss.

Margeret Brown, married John Pritchard. Died 1866.

Robert B. Brown, married Sarah Robinson. Died at Itasca, Texas, 1916. Had several children, among them were:

Emma, died 1871.

Alice, Itasca, Texas.

Govner, Itasca, Texas. Widow lives in Itasca, Texas.

John Olive Brown, died Dec. 1927. Married Mary Smith. Three children: Rena, married Wm. Kidd, New Albany, Miss. Boswell Brown, living in Memphis, Tenn. Robert Brown, Pontotoc, Miss.

10. Reuben Philips Brown, born Feb. 10, 1851.

Married Carrie Pegues. Four children:

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Minnie Lee Brown, now employed by Baptist

Sunday School Board of Mississippi.

Lula Brown, married J. M. Thomas of Tupelo, Miss., prominent attorney. Six children, three girls and three boys. All doing well, with excellent reputations:

Kate Brown, married Ross Love of Durant, Miss., he died Oct. 1926. They have a son 6

years old.

George Philips Brown. Salesman with Phelps

Shoe Co., Shrevesport, La.

11. Jeff Davis Brown. Married Fannie Mounce. Two children. He died, Dec. 1927, Pontotoc, Miss.

R. Herman Brown, Pontotoc, Miss.

Estell Brown. Married R. H. Furr, living in Pontotoc, Miss.

II. Benson Philips, 1812-1814.

III. Polly Philips, deaf, never married, made her home with her brother, Ross Philips at the

old home, died 1868.

IV. Ross Philips, 1815-1891, born in Spartansburg, S. Carolina, moved with his parents to Alabama in 1819. Married Marzee Aubrey, born Aug. 31, 1823, died May, 1906. He was one of the early school teachers of St. Clair County, Ala., making quite a success of his profession. He served as Probate Judge of this county for sixteen years, later he was a prominent merchant, during reconstruction days. His name has gone down to his posterity, as one of good repute, as is shown by the name, Ross, being carried down several generations in the family. Some of the old school houses still remain where he left his legacy of enlightenment. He left a diary, owned by his son at Sherman, Miss., which shows many traits of his noble character, honestly and uprightness.

He later moved to Mississippi, where he farmed for a number of years, raising a family of sons and daughters, who delight to do him honor. He and wife buried at Union church, Sherman, Miss. Children:

1. Sarah Philips, married Roger Williams, now

living in Dallas, Texas.

2. Eliza Philips, married Dr. Robinson, lived and

died in Hillsboro, Texas.

- 3. Kattie Philips, married Abraham Green, who reared an interesting family at Greensport, Alabama, on the banks of the Coosa River. Their home was noted for its genial hospitality, and many friends and relatives still retain memories of its entertainment. She raised a family of: Marzee, Ross, Joe, Jacob, Reuben, Peter and Estelle, all doing well, now living in Birmingham, Alabama. She makes her home there with her children, since the death of her husband.
- 4. Dr. Walter Benson Philips, June 10, 1854. Married Agnes Alsup, Shannon, Miss., Dec. 16, 1877. She died Oct. 15, 1886. On Oct. 8, 1893, he married Estell Ann Robinson, and moved to Sherman, Miss., where he still resides, a prominent physician, loved and respected by the whole community. He and his estimable wife live in a modern home, surrounded by many friends. His children are: Watson Philips, an engineer in Memphis, Tenn., who has two children, Mary Francis and Watson, Jr..

Marzee Philips married, lives in Nashville, Tenn. Children: Agnes, Estell and Sam, Jr. Sallie May Philips, married George Jamison, lives at Hot Springs, Ark., three children:

Frances, George, Jr., and Philips.

Fannie Ruth Philips, married Dr. King Wade, also lives in Hot Springs, Ark., one son,

King, Jr.

James Dickson Philips, who died in Texas in 1889.

Fannie Philips, married Dr. Holmes in 1863, died April, 1925. Buried at Sherman, Miss.

- V. Jackson Philips, born May, 29, 1819, lived on the farm till grown, taught several schools in St. Clair county, Alabama. Married Cynthia Ash, of an old respected family. Died Jan. 12, 1898, buried in Ashville, Ala., Cemetery. His old home on Beaver Creek still standing. He reared seven children, one dying at 3 years of age: John Pinckney, Mary, Lizzie, Nannie, Ida, James, William Ross and Benjamin Franklin.
- 1. John Pinckney Philips, born Nov. 31, 1847. Married Sarah Ann Hodges, daughter of Reddin Hodges, near Ashville, Ala., March 6, 1878. Built a nice home, and raised a fine family, but had the misfortune of losing several children in infancy. He was a long time in the mercantile business, later selling out to his brother, Ben, he then acted in the capacity of a private banker for years. Later he moved to Gadsden, Ala., where he died in July 5, 1903, buried at Ashville, Alabama. His wife was born Aug. 6, 1856, and makes her home in Gadsden with her son Ross Philips. Children:

George Hodges Philips. Born Dec. 7, 1879.

Died Oct. 28, 1881.

John Ross Philips. Born May 2, 1881.

Burke Benjamin Philips. Born May 5, 1883. Porter Philips. Born June 28, 1885. Died Feb. 26, 1887.

"Infant Son (un-named). Born Dec. 27, 1886.

Died Jan. 6, 1887.

Foster Byers Philips. Born Feb. 28, 1888. Died Aug. 14, 1914.

Martin LeRoy Philips. Born May 17, 1890. Died Jan. 8, 1891.

Boyd Miles Philips. Born April 6, 1892.

Annie Frances Philips. Born Nov. 12, 1894. Died Oct. 12, 1895.

Albert Philips. Born Nov. 12, 1824.

March 4, 1896.

Ida Varina Philips. Born Sept. 19, 1897.

Died May 19, 1900.

John Ross Philips, married Martha Williamson Ralls, Dec. 22, 1910. Merchant at Gadsden, Ala. They have a nice home where southern hospitality abounds. The writer has pleasant memories of a visit there in 1926. They have two children living:

John Ross, Jr., born Oct. 13, 1911.

Arthur Ralls, born July 30, 1913, died Jan. 28, 1919.

Sara Ann, born June 16, 1916.

Burk B. Philips. Married Louise Dupre, April 12, 1916. Children:

Mary Louise, born Jan. 20, 1918.

Julia Varina, born Jan. 1, 1920.

Elsie Ann, born Jan. 3, 1927.

Boyd M. Philips, unmarried, makes his home with his mother in Gadsden, Ala. A merchant.

2. Mary, married a Mr. Strange.

3. Lizzie, married Mr. Bill Newton.

4. Nannie, married Mr. Coher. 5. Ida, married Mr. Pegnes.

6. James, died in Civil War, near Richmond, Va.

7. Wm. Ross Philips, now living at Attalla, Ala., married Mary Ward of Gadsden, who died. His second wife, Maude Byers, also died leaving a son, Will, now living in Birmingham, Ala. A son was born to him, May 27, 1926. The message came to its grand father, while we were enjoying a reunion dinner at Ross' home, named William III.

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8. Benjamin Franklin Philips, born Jan. 23, 1858. Married Adelia Hodges, an attractive girl of Ashville, Alabama, in 1884. Was in business there for a number of years, later moving to Gadsden, Ala., where he died Sept. 2, 1923. Their children were:

Pearl Philips, born Jan. 22, 1885.

John Hodges Philips, born April 11, 1886, died Dec. 17. 1900.

Lilly Philips, born Oct. 10, 1889, died Jan.

11, 1893.

James Kelly Philips, born Jan. 13, 1892.

Benjamin Jackson Philips, born Aug. 1893.

George Willis Philips, born July 7, 1895.

Adelia Philips, born June 17, 1897.

William Ross Philips, born June 3, 1899, died June 23, 1900.

Frances Louise Philips, born March 25, 1901. Edith Marjorie Philips, born March 7, 1903. Paul Philips, born July 24, 1905, died February 18, 1907.

The widow. Adelia Philips now lives in Jacksonville, Florida, with her children, except George W. Philips, who lives in Gadsden,

Ala., has one son, George Philips, Jr.

VI. Nannie Philips, born April 6, 1820, married Bennett Oldham, a Presbyterian minister, reared four boys and three girls, most of whom have died. Names; Robert, John, Jane, Rebecca, Sallie, Lorena and Bennett. She was buried at Oldham Cemetery in 1896.

VII. James Madison Philips, born June 7, 1822. died May 9, 1905, of a kick from a mule. Married Elizabeth Yarbrough on Sept, 23, 1847. A more detailed account of him and

his family found on separate pages.

VIII. Grandeur Philips, born Oct. 29, 1824, died May 29, 1826.

IX. Sarah Ann Philips, born April 19, 1827, married David Foreman, and lived near Branchville, Ala. Died and was buried at Liberty church, February 1894. Three children.

J. P., married a Miss Stead. Have five girls

and one boy.

Emma, married Mr. Mize, live at Odenville, Ala

Wiley, never married, died 1925.

X. Caroline Philips, born Oct. 3, 1829, married Gliver Cooper, lived near Hopewell church on Canoe Creek. Died 1883, buried in Cemeter of Hopewell church. Three children: Mary, married Noah Hood. Sallie, married John Yarbrough of St. Clair county.

Ross Cooper of Gadsden.

Mary and Noah Hood's children:

Oliver Hood of Birmingham, Ala. Oscar Hood of Birmingham, Ala.

Nannie Hood married Lewis Morris, contractor in Birmingham, Ala.

Callie Hood, married Mr. Hunt, Los Angeles,

California.

Wm. R. Hood, Washington, D. C., lawyer. Inzer Hood, John Hood and Solon Hood, at Gadsden, Ala.

XI. Pinckney Philips, born March 22, 1832, never married, but reputed to have been engaged to Miss Margaret Looney. Lived with parents on farm and later with his brother, Ross, they having bought a farm of 640 acres from their father in 1857. He went to war in 1861, becoming a member of 10th Alabama Regiment. He was killed June 30, 1862 at Manassas, buried on Frazier Hill, near Richmond, Va.

## SHORT HISTORY OF THE YARBROUGH FAMILY

The Yarbroughs of America are lineal descendants of William Yarbrough, who was one of the sixty thousand Normans who embarked as vassals to the Duke of Normandy, in the year 1046, to conquer England. For his valiancy, William the Conqueror of England, gave him the Earldom of Yorkshire county, England, which Earldon still exists. Some of the Yarbrough gentry came from England in the early settlement of Virginia, and located in Amelia county of that state. Between the years 1729 and 1775 seven brothers of the Yarbroughs moved to Louisburg, Franklin county, N. Carolina. Their names were: Zachariah, Archibald, Manoah, Alexander, Thomas, Henry and John. Before the Revolutionary War, 1775, Zachariah left Louisburg and settled in Rowan county, now Davidson county. There he met and married Elizabeth Dowd. Their children were: Zachariah, Henry, Thomas, Alexander, Manoah, Julia and Elizabeth.

Thomas married Jemina Merriell of Lexington. They were the parents of Rev. Aaron Yarbrough who was a Presbyterian minister of much renown, born October 5, 1813, began to preach February 4, 1834. Died December 30, 1897, 85 years of age. He married Elizabeth Wommack. Some of these ancestors are buried at Hargrave Place, Lexington, N. Carolina.

Our, grandparents were Manoah Yarbrough and his wife, Mary Cunningham, from Rowan county, N. Carolina. Manoah was born in 1770, Mary, his wife on Nov. 12, 1778. They were mar-

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ried August 16, 1799. Both of their fathers no doubt fought in the Revolutionary War. Manoah died September 27, 1836, and his wife July 24, 1840. Their graves are in a field called Yarbrough Cemetery, near the old home place, 4 miles southeast of Ashville, Alabama, graves marked by stones, which in 1926, were in good shape. Their children were:

1. Matilda Yarbrough, born May 20, 1800,

married Graham Hunt. Died in N. Carolina.

2. Littleton Yarbrough, born July 27, 1802. Married Nancy Ashcraft, whose mother was a Baker. She died in 1879. Nancy came from a fine old family of much renown in those war-

time days. Nancy died June 14, 1883.

Littleton's ability was far above the average for his time, considering the surroundings of pioneer days. Reuben Philips furnished him some money and he went horseback to Texas, took up contracting, and built court houses and jails all over East Texas, one of which is still standing at Tyler, Texas. He also built one at Clarksville, Texas, and the court house and Baptist church at Ashville, Alabama, which still are a memorial to him. Both he and wife are buried in Yarbrough Cemetery, near Ashville, Alabama. His children and grand children who "rise up and call him blessed" are as follows:

1. George Yarbrough, born June 2, 1826. While a young man made the celebrated trip to California in '49 to seek his fortune in the gold field, going by way of Panama, did well financially, returned to Tyler, Texas, where on July 18, 1855, he married a highly cultured, capable woman, Miss Augusta Herrin. He established a mercantile business in 1852, this afterwards became Yarbrough and Wimberly, then Wimberly and Philips in 1875, and now Geo. R. Philips

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and Sons in 1927 a business of 75 years duration. George Yarbrough was a man of sterling character, and good business acumen, a staunch member of the Baptist church, in which he took a leading part. He was a great student of character, and loved his family and family connections, his home was a home for all the relatives, and each of the Philips boys, sons of his sister. Elizabeth, at different times lived with him, and appreciated his wise counsel and staunch integrity. He passed away after a long illness, February 25, 1899, his wife Augusta, having died July 15, 1890. Both are buried by their daughter, Ione in Tyler Cemetery. The home on South Broadway is still owned by the daughters. They had three daughters:

Ione, a charming daughter, died March 20, 1877, while attending Baylor College. Mary and Annie Yarbrough, twin daughters, born Oct.

15, 1871.

Mary Yarbrough, married Felix Zollicoffer Edwards, March 12, 1896, now a prominent banker of Sherman, Texas, where they live, loved, respected and honored by a wide circle of friends. She is a woman of fine personality, and unusual intelligence. They have one son. Felix Zollicoffer Edwards Jr., born March 7, 1897, a graduate of Sewanee University of Tennessee. He is following in his father's footsteps as a successful banker and business man and is now assistant cashier of a bank at Sherman, Texas. He married Elizabeth Randolph, November 15, 1924.

Annie Yarbrough, married Ambrose E. Edwards of Greenville, Texas, July 3, 1901, an insurance and loan man of good character and with hosts of friends. They still live in Greenville where they have raised two sons. Annie,

like her twin sister is of a very fine type of character. Both have artistic talents and have painted many beautiful pictures and china.

Ambrose Yarbrough Edwards, graduate of high school and Wesleyan College in Greenville. then attended Leland Stanford University California. He is now employed in Chile. South America, in a most lucrative and important poition.

George Newton Edwards, born May 1, 1908, also a high school graduate, now in Wesleyan

College at Greenville, Texas.

2. Elizabeth Yarbrough, born June 27, 1828, married James M. Philips September 23, 1847, died May 4, 1881 of acute heart trouble, just as their new ten-room home near Ashville, Ala., was finished. Her life is more fully outlined in separate writeup of James M. Philips' family.

3. Hugh Yarbrough, born April 24, 1830, married Anne Seaton, August 28, 1852. Disappeared mysteriously and was never heard from, pre-

sumably murdered. Children:

Fisher Yarbrough, now living in Dallas,

Texas.

Amelia Yarbrough, born December 13, 1856. Married A. W. Cox, born June 20, 1849, near Ashville, Ala., May 30, 1877. He died March 2, 1902. They raised eleven children. She still lives at the old home, loved and respected by all her relatives and neighbors, a fine Christian woman. The children and grandchildren are:

Flora Cox, born July 16, 1878. Married Tilden Ayers, June 23, 1901. One son, D. C. Ayers, now in high school at Gadsden, Ala. Flora died

in 1926 at Gadsden, Ala.

Dora Cox, born December 22, 1879, married L. R. Lonegan, April 11, 1909. Two children, Abraham, died October 7, 1916.

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Eugene Fisher Cox, born November 15, 1881, married Lola Hamilton, November, 1907, daugh-

ter. Martha Cox.

Lizzie J. Cox, born November 12, 1883, married Beal M. Teague, February 24, 1910. Children: B. M. Teague, Rowena Teague, Grace Teague, who died in October, 1914.

L. Mauly Cox, born July 3, 1885, married Jennie Dodd, December 21, 1811. Children, Dodd, Margaret, Mauly Jr., Jessie Hugh, Frances,

Sarah.

Irene Cox, born September 22, 1888, married Lee Tcague, December 23, 1908. Children, Lee Teague Jr., and Evelyn Teague.

Allen Thurman Cox, born October 25, 1890. Jennie Mae Cox, born August 16, 1892.

Frankie Cox, born June 15, 1894, married R. B. Syder, July 19, 1919.

Gussie Amelia Cox, born December, 1896. Abraham C. Cox, born November 28, 1898.

4. Mary Yarbrough, born July 30, 1832, married Wiley Moore, December 25, 1855. One child, Mollie Moore, who married Henry Eikner of Tyler, Texas. Wiley Moore died August 1, 1864, and she married L. E. Verner, March 1, 1866 and lived on a farm near Tyler, Texas. One child, Lola Verner, who was educated in Tyler, where they moved later. Lola married Mr. Reese, who died of tuberculosis several years later. She now lives in Tyler on South Broadway and takes much interest in church and club life. She also does a great deal of charitable work. Mary Verner passed away February 25, 1881, followed soon by Mr. Verner. This couple were much loved by all the relatives. for their many fine traits of character.

5. Wiley Yarbrough, born Nov. 17, 1834, married Lizzie Looney, in Alabama on December 5, 1871. He was a practicing physician in Smith

county, Texas, where he died. He left one daughter, Elizabeth Yarbrough, who married John Smiley of Tyler, Texas, a fine business man. Unfortunately he was taken early in their married life and she was left to raise her daughter and son. She did this most admirably, also took up Y. M. C. A. work as secretary, in which she is very successful. She took care of her aunt Jennie Yarbrough Manghum in her declining years as a complete invalid, and deserves much credit for her loving care and devotion. In this she was assisted by Lola Reese. Children:

Elizabeth Smiley who married Mr. Hooks and lives at Tyler, Texas, has a young daughter,

Elizabeth III.

John Smiley, a fine young man, is now in col-

lege in Kentucky.

Burk Yarbrough, born November 9, 1836. Married Lucy Caroline or Johnnie Wimberly, March 8, 1865. He was a merchant in Tyler, Texas for a number of years, dying July 20, 1873, buried at Tyler, Texas. Three children, Clyde, Varina and Burk.

Clyde Yarbrough, born November 11, 1868, married Edith Martino, Nov., 1891, has daughter, Clyde, who married Mr. Fedder and

lives in California. She has two sons.

Varina Yarbrough, born in Tyler, Smith county, Texas, Aug. 31, 1866. Married April 10, 1888 John Wickliffe Garnett of Greenville, Texas, who died March 14, 1903. Children:

Sallie Park Garnett, born Tyler, Texas, January 19, 1889, married John Martin Stephens,

Tyler, Texas, Sept. 18, 1917. Children:

John Martin Stephens Jr., born April 29, 1919.

Mary Lou Stephens, born January 3, 1921. John Wimberly Garnett, born Greenville,

Texas, Sept. 21, 1890, died Tyler, Texas, Dec.

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Mary Elizabeth Garnett, born Greenville, Texas, January 31, 1895, married Albert Vernon Lockett of Pitsburg, Texas, in Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1916. One son.

Albert Vernon Lockett Jr., born in Pitts-

burg, Texas, March 15, 1923.

Vivienne Garnett, born in Greenville, Texas, January 24, 1897, married E. A. Engel, Tyler, Texas, August 25, 1920. One daughter.

Genevieve Olga Engel, born in San Antonio,

Texas, April 30, 1923.

Genevieve Garnett, born in Greenville, Texas,

January 24, 1897.

Varina (II) Garnett, born in Greenville, Texas, October 14, 1901, married Lee Hilsman Powell, Tyler, Texas, June 17, 1925. One daughter:

Varina (III) Powell, born July 24, 1926.

Burk Yarbrough (III) born September 24, 1873. Married Edward Springs Morris November 14, 1894, died October 14, 1900. 2 children: Lucy Marguerette Morris, Anne Morris. Married second time to Dabney White of Tyler, Texas, June 17, 1909. No children.

Lucy Marguerette Morris, born December 17,

1895.

Anne Morris, born September 26, 1898, married Clinton Williams Murchison, April 21, 1920. Died May 26, 1926. Three children, John Dabney Murchison, Clinton Williams Murchison and Burk Yarbrough Murchison.

John Dabney Murchison, born Sept. 5, 1921. Clinton Williams Murchison Jr., born Sept.

12, 1923.

Burk Yarbrough Murchison, born Jan. 26, 1925.

7. Nancy Yarbrough, born July 13, 1838, married H. H. Brewster, lived in St. Clair coun-

ty, Ala., on farm on Beaver Creek. He was a successful physician. They had twelve children. several dying after leaving Lome. Vird Brewster and Downs Brewster were in business at Mineral Wells, Texas, where they died.

Loftin Brewster is now living in Mineral

Wells. Texas.

Eugenia, married Mr. Brooks, Atlanta, Ga. Hattie, unmarried, lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. Blond, Fort Worth, Texas. Hamilton, San Antonio, Texas.

Littleton died at Mineral Wells, Leo, Camp

Hugh. Ala.

Maud, died.

Gertrude, Mrs. C. J. Kirkpatrick, Chatta-

nooga, Tenn.

8. Margaret Yarbrough, born at Ashville, Ala., Feb. 22, 1840, married William Henry Herrin, born in Alabama, June 26, 1835, at the home of Uncle Billy Ashcraft, 5 miles south of Tyler, Texas, March 21, 1866. They had five children.

William Littleton Herrin, born Jan. 20, 1867, at Hopewell, Smith county, Texas, nine miles west of Tyler. Married Elizabeth Sartin Asp, Texas, Jan. 19, 1903. One son, Frederick Yarbrough Herrin, born May 31, 1905. He is a contractor with his father and lives at Nacog-

doches. Texas.

Mary Yarbrough "May" Herrin, born Dec. 23, 1868. Married W. T. Adams of Rusk, Tex., June 30, 1897. One child, William Thomas Adams Jr., born Sept. 26, 1907. She was well educated and Mr. Adams was Superintendent of the Tyler public schools, later moving to Houston, and now in the state University at Austin, Tex. W. T. Jr., is a student in the University.

John Raiford Herrin, born March 1, 1871, at Ashcraft, Smith county, Tex., married Miss Minnie Foster at Omen, ex., December 13, 1893.

She was born at Whitehouse, Tex., Jan. 7, 1874, died August 28, 1924, buried at Crockett, Texas. Raiford is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Trinity, Tex. They had five children:

Mary Margaret "Gay" Herrin, born Oct. 31, 1894, at Omen, Tex. Married William Golding at El Paso, Texas, Sept. 13, 1920. One daughter, Mary Margaret, born in Houston, September 23. 1922.

Joe Foster Herrin, born at Troupe, Texas, June 20, 1898, now living in Trinity, Texas. Draftsman for Missouri Pacific Railway Company, Palestine, Texas.

John Raiford Herrin, born at Tyler, Texas, June 27, 1901. Charleston, S. Carolina with

Creosote Works.

George Addison Herrin, born at Troupe, Texas, May 11, 1911. High school, Trinity, Tex.

Burk Yarbrough Herrin, born at Troupe,

Nov. 8, 1914. In school at Trinity, Texas.

Burk Verner "B. V." Herrin, born October 27, 1873, at Noonday, Texas. Died at Omen, Tex.,

Nov. 26, 1897, buried there.

Margaret Augusta Herrin, born Jan. 20. 1876, at Noonday, Texas. Died at Tyler, Texas, May 12, 1919, buried at Omen, Tex. She was a very capable girl, an employee of the Tyler post office for a number of years before her untimely death. Mr. Herrin died at Tyler, March 4, 1910, and his wife, Margaret, died at Houston, April 15, 1920. Both are buried at Omen. Texas, in the family burial ground.

9. Obadiah Yarbrough, born Oct. 7, 1842.

died Oct. 17, 1846.

10. Jennie Yarbrough, born Jan. 31, 1844, married Thomas Manghum July 18, 1865, lived in Ruston, Louisiana until his death A fine couple of true southern type. He was an editor, published the first paper

in Ashville, Alabama in 1857, and farmed in Texas before moving to Ruston, where he was well loved all his life. She moved to Texas and being paralyzed was tenderly cared for by relatives led by Bessie Smiley and Lola Reese until her death. They had no children.

11. Sarah Yarbrough, born Feb. 13, 1846, died

Oct. 15, 1846.

12. John Yarbrough, born July 9, 1847, at the old homestead near Ashville, Ala., married Sallie Cooper, September 28, 1871, who died March 28, 1883, buried in Yarbrough cemetery near the old home. They lived at the old home, ranning a big farm, gin, large saw and grist mill. Many houses still standing are made from lumber sawed at this historic old mill. One, the James Philips house, still stands on the mountain side four miles away. The house over a hundred years old stands as a monument to the brave souls who built not for the present alone, but for future generations to enjoy, the fourth generation now being in the same house. John and Sallie Yarbrough raised three children.

Jennie Yarbrough, born October 30, 1872, married Elbert G. Morris, Feb. 8, 1893, living now at Aliceville, Ala. For a long time their home was at Morrisville, Ala., near Anniston, where he and brother had an iron foundry. Five

children.

Nell Morris, born Dec. 21, 1894, married Bertram A. Jenkins, June 29, 1923, living in Washington, D. C., U. S. Geological Survey. One child,

Thomas Elbert, born Dec. 18, 1924.

Eunice Carolyn Morris, born Feb. 6, 1896, married J. Spanin Shaw, Aug. 11, 1921. Three children, Eunice Carolyn, June 7, 1922; Jennie Maud, May 1, 1924; Nelle Clyde, Oct. 1, 1925. They live at Aliceville, Ala.

Elbert Green Morris, born Oct. 30, 1898, mar-

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ried Vera Friedlauder, June 30, 1925. Live in Chicago, Ill.

Paul Morris, born July 28, 1903, lives in

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Lewis James Morris, born March 8, 1908.

With U. S. Survey, now at Crossville, Tenn.

May Yarbrough, born May, 6, 1874, married John Henry Morris, May 8, 1894. Lived at Morrisville, Ala., quite awhile, but now at Birmingham, Ala., where they live in a beautiful home on the mountain overlooking the city on Altamount Road, and with their children enjoy its rest and beauty. He and his three sons are in contracting and plumbing business and prosper-The writer enjoyed a pleasant evening with them, with a delicious dinner in 1926. Their children are: Mary Morris, born Nov. 24, 1895, died June 12, 1896; Ruth Morris, born June 15, 1899, now teaching in Baylor College, Belton, Texas; Shadrack (Shad) Fulton Morris, born Oct. 19, 1901, married Mamie White Willoughby Dec. 18, 1924, who have a son, S. F. Jr., born in 1927; John Henry Morris Jr., born May 15, 1903, married Violet Hontz, Feb. 25, 1922; Joseph Willett Morris, born April 11, 1902.

Ross Yarbrough, married Emmeretta Green of Ottawa Bend, Ala., where Ross is U. S. Deputy Marshall of Jefferson county and a very popular man. They have one son, Raymond, now in high

school.

On Dec. 18, 1883, John Yarbrough married the second time a Miss Lula Fitts of Tidmore Bend, Ala., who made him a most estimable wife and a good mother, loved by all the relatives. She was a woman of ability and strong personality. She died Dec. 5, 1922 and was buried in Yarbrough cemetery. They had four children, Elizabeth Yarbrough born Nov. 22, 1885, who keeps house for her father and brothers with

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loving care and wonderful ability and is also raising her brother Fitts' son, Fitzgerald, for him.

Burk Yarbrough, born Dec. 26, 1887.

Fitts Yarbrough, born March 30, 1892, married Bernice Ramsey, Dec. 16, 1923, son Fritzgerald born Sept. 19, 1924. Bernice passed away from after effects of typhoid fever May 4, 1925, leaving the eight-months-old son for his father and Aunt Elizabeth to raise.

John Yarbrough Jr., born Sept. 13, 1897.

These three sons all did service in the World War and now make their home with their father near Ashville. Ala. Fitts also is a road contractor. Mr. John Yarbrough is a deep student of human nature and keeps well informed on all national, state and county issues. He was representative in the State Legislature for many years. He is a man whose views are sane and judgment well grounded. Now, in his 80th year he has learned to write with typewriter with his left hand, having lost the right hand by amputation. He delights in seeing the fruits of the soil brought in from the land so long under the domain of the Yarbrough family. Under this hospitable roof, we were entertained a week in May, 1926, sleeping in the room where each of this Yarbrough family were born and married, and the memory of this happy time will ever be a golden one to us. May the true, honest, Godfearing heritage left by this old family be carried on down the line for generations to come.

## Sketch Of The Family Of James Madison Philips And His Wife, Elizabeth Yarbrough Philips

James M. Philips, son of Reuben Philips and Rebecca Watkins Philips, born June 7, 1822, died from kick of a mule, May 9, 1905. Married September 23, 1847.

Elizabeth Yarbrough, born June 27, 1828, died

May 4, 1881, of heart failure.

This couple reared five boys and eight girls, Jere, George Ross, Albert, Pinckney, and Ruben, Fannie, Mary, Nora, Libbie, Nannie, Sallie, Susie and Lillie. These were raised to work, be honest, truthful and God fearing, and with a deep appreciation for the influence exerted over them by their parents, and grand par-They have also held the old home on the side of the mountain, of Colonial style, very dear in their memories, and always enjoyed a visit there, where they were each accorded a welcome never found any where else. In memory we see the stately oaks, and green hills, the mulberry tree outside the yard, the tall poplar planted by Reuben when a boy, the rock-walled well with its latticed well-house, the old milk house, the leather house where all our shoes were made, with the lasts and equipment necessary; the old harness house, built in an early day of peeled pine poles, and covered with homemade oak boards, the old thresher house, of huge hewn logs and long pine rafters, covered with four-foot oak boards; inside the old winding frail thresher, big cog and band wheel intact. the road that leads from the old lot gate to the big spring, where we slacked our thirst a thousand times, the huge hewn foot log put across the creek by the boys in 1868, the old walnut

tree where we made our barefoot tracks in the sand, and cracked nuts on the old rocks, which still stand as a memorial. Behind the tall old comfortable house the blue mountains from where we drove the cattle and sheep home at early twilight, and could hear the screech owl and whipporwill. A good hot meal, then gather around the big fireplace, where the huge pine knot afforded our light, to study Davie's Arithmetic and Blue Back Speller; and listen to the stories of wild Indians, early settlers, noble deeds, and struggles for a new and civilized country.

Memories they are, too real, and too blessed

to ever be forgotten!

Our father was a progressive man for his day, always taking the lead in all enterprises in the neighborhood for its betterment, seeing after the school, getting teachers, paying even more than his share, also to the church and public roads. He came of a Presbyterian family, mother was Baptist, but joined his church, although both were immersed. The two older children were Presbyterian, but all the rest were Baptists. He was a great worker, made money, and had unlimited credit with home merchants.

He manufactured every thing possible at home. Mother, the girls and negro women spun the cloth and made the clothes while he, the boys, hired help and negroes, made all the tools, shoes, harness, raised mules, horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, and abundant crops of corn, cotton, to-bacco, foodstuff and fruits to sustain his large plantation. He was especially interested in fine stock, and kept only that kind. He liked dogs, generally naming them for prominent people—one for Grover Cleveland, and another for his opponent, Blaine, although he was a life-long Democrat.

Our mother was a most remarkable woman

in many ways, exerting a wonderful influence for good in her large family and also extending over the community. Ever kind and loving, she commanded the respect and esteem of all, even those under her control when father was away from home.

In 1882, father married Miss Betty Martin of Shelby county. She was a faithful wife and a devoted mother to the children left in the home, and commanded the love and respect of all the relatives. She passed her last years in the home of Dr. and Lillie Philips Beason, the youngest child, whose pleasure it was to minister to her needs.

The family of these estimable people were

as follows:

1. Fannie Philips, born September 24, 1848, married A. J. Thompson, September 30, 1866. They moved to Texas in 1868, traveling across the vast trackless area wagon drawn by two horses. They settled at Gorman, Comanche county, and prospered. She died Feb. 4, 1895, leaving six children.

James Thompson was killed by machinery.

Ida Thompson married Judge Broughton, now hving in Bloomfield, Texas. They have two daughters. Gay Broughton, now Mrs. Moore, has five children. Fay Broughton married Mr. Castleberry.

Albert Thompson now lives in California.

Sophia, married, died, and left several children.

Earnest Thompson is now living in California.

Fannie Thompson married T. F. Rodgers, and now lives in Olustee, Okla. They have two children, Lila Gay Rodgers and Thompson Dean Rodgers.

- 2. Mary Philips, born April 29, 1850, married J. Robert Vandegrift, a prominent lawyer of Ashville, Ala., Feb. 8, 1872. Had five children. She died Sept. 25, 1881, buried at Yarbrough cemetery. 'The father moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he raised the children, passing away several years later. Children-Burk and Don, both dead. James Vandegrift married and lives in Columbia, Tenn. May Vandegrift married Mr. Sherril of Lebanon, Tenn. Olea Vandergrift is now living in Los Angeles, Cal., with her step-sister, Mrs. Bell Nourse.
- 3. Jere Clemons Philips, born May 17, 1852, attended county schools of St. Clair county until 1874 when he accompanied his Uncle George Yarbrough to Texas, visiting a month with his brother, George R. Philips at Tyler, Texas, before going to work for his Uncle L. E. Verner. In 1875 he took charge of a farm for his Uncle George Yarbrough until 1881, when he worked as express agent for the Cotton Belt Railway Company. In February, 1882 he and his brother, Albert, purchased 640 acres of government land in Jones county, Texas, near Anson, and went into the sheep raising business. He returned to Alabama in 1885 and on August 18 married Miss Mary Jane Vandegrift, a most estimable cultivated woman, who made him a true helpmate and loving wife. After their return to Texas he was elected County Judge of Jones county, holding that office for six years, living at Anson. He resigned and moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he engaged in business with H. C. Nelms, W. T. Hodges, J. M. Beason, and later with W. T. Brooks. He was a successful business man, and made many friends who remember his sterling qualities of integrity and honesty. Injured in a buggy accident he never

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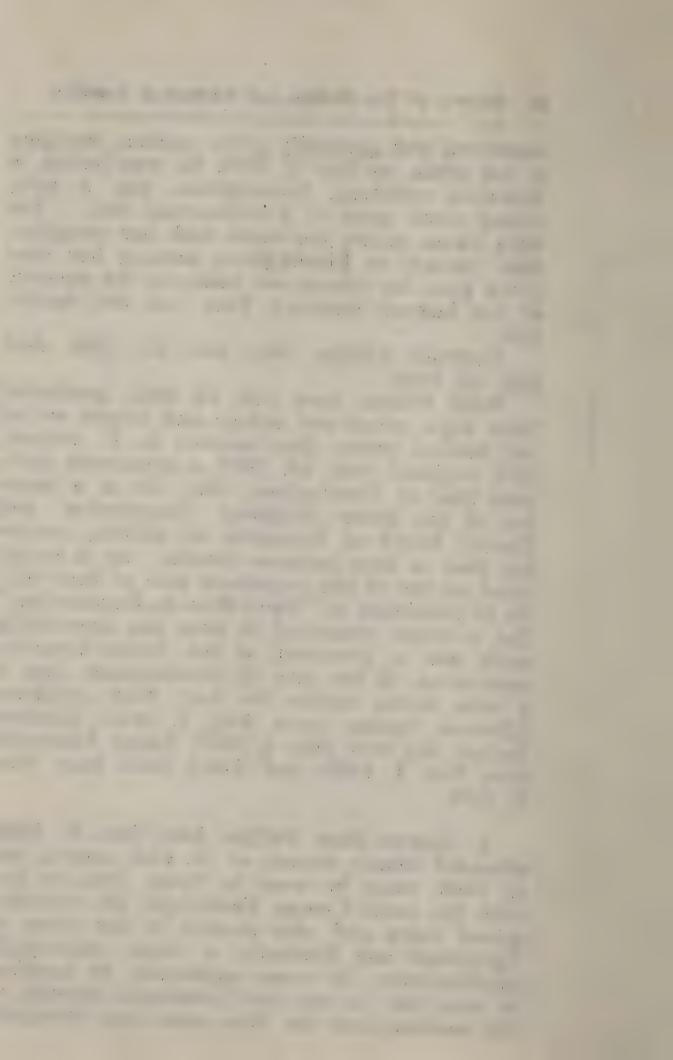
recovered and gradually grew weaker, resulting in his death on July 2, 1919. He was buried in Elmwood cemetery, Birmingham, Ala. A rare, loving spirit gone to a well-earned rest. His wife, Janie, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Batson, in Birmingham, passing her time doing good for others and honoring the memory of her beloved husband. They had two daughters.

Gertrude Philips, born Jan. 13, 1888, died

Dec. 10, 1889.

Ruth Philips, born Jan. 13, 1891, graduated from high school and college and taught school for several years. She married S. R. Batson, civil engineer, Oct. 16, 1912, a prominent business man of Birmingham, Ala. He is a member of the State Highway Commission and County Board of Revenues, an affable, courteous man of keen business insight. He is recognized as one of the prominent men of that city. He is mentioned in "Who's Who In Engineering." She is much interested in civic and community work and is president of the Parent-Teachers association of the city of Birmingham. She is a wise, loving mother to her four children. Eleanore Batson, born Aug. 7, 1913; Radford Batson, Jr., born July 4, 1917; Nancy Elizabeth, born Feb. 1, 1920; and Amey Ruth born Nov. 2. 1926.

4. George Ross Philips, born Dec. 8, 1853, attended county schools of St. Clair county until 1868, when he went to Tyler, Tex., to live with his uncle George Yarbrough. He attended school there and also clerked in the store of Yarbrough and Wimberly, a large mercantile establishment. By close application to business he was able to buy the Yarbrough interest in the business and the firm name was Wimberly



& Philips for a number of years. He then bought the Wimberly interests and now the store stands George R. Philips and Sons, having already celebrated over a half century of business. It is a large modern store noted for its honest methods

of doing business.

He married on Jan. 1, 1879, Miss Ada Townsend of Athens, Ala., daughter of Brice M. and Willie Featherstone Townsend, who was born Sept. 6, 1854, died at Tyler, Tex., Aug. 29, 1925. She was buried in beautiful Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler, on a knoll overlooking the city. A tribute to her follows later on. Their children are Ross Townsend, John Featherstone, Roberta Townsend, Elizabeth Bonner and George Houston.

Ross Townsend Philips, born Nov. 20, 1879,

married Stella Walker in 1912. No children.

John Featherstone Philips born July 30, 1881, married Eleanor Russell Bradford of a fine old Bonham, Texas family, Nov. 14, 1912. One daughter Martha Bradford Philips, born July 14, 1922, the delight of all the relatives. They live in a beautiful bungalow home on S. Broadway, and he is associated with his father in the mercantile business, and is quite a successful business man.

Roberta Townsend Philips, born March 23,

1884, and died Oct. 18, 1889.

Elizabeth Bonner Philips, born Jan. 13, 1886, graduate of Tyler Public schools, and Baylor University, Belton, Texas, also a year at a Washington, D. C. College. Toured Europe with an interesting party. Now presides over her father's Colonial home on S. Broadway, with rare grace, and carries down the well earned reputation of this home, where southern charm and gracious hospitality has always held sway.

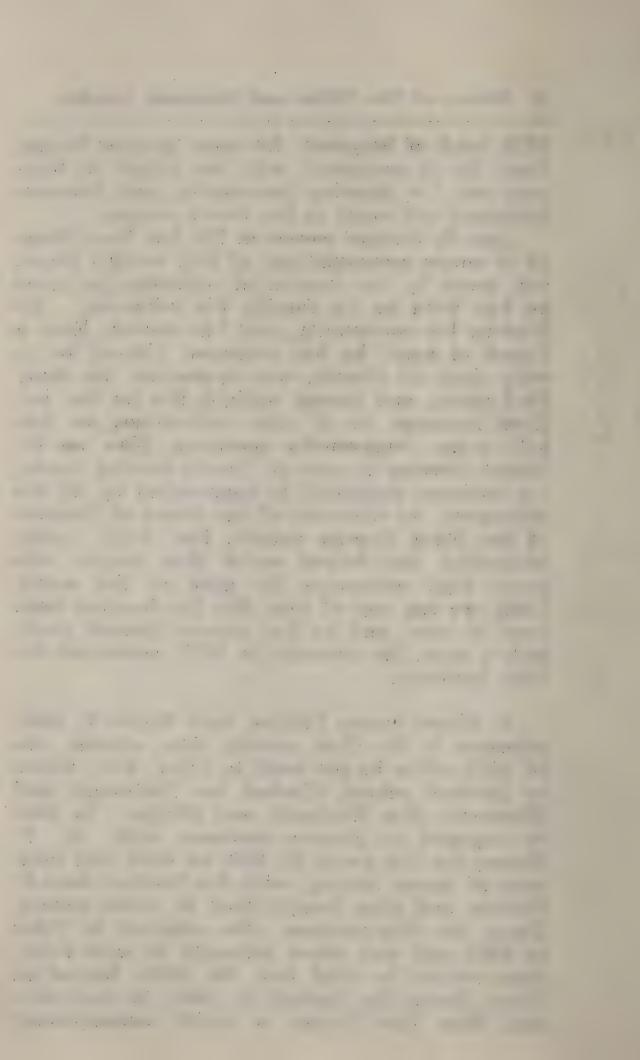
George Houston Philips, born Oct. 26, 1890, enlisted in World War in 1917, discharged in

1919, rank of Sargeant, 1st class Quarter Master Corp. He is associated with his father in business and his pleasing personality, and business

judgment add much to the firm's success.

Geo. R. Philips' career in life has been blessed in ample accumulations of this world's goods, but, more by the wonderful influence for good he has been to his family, his relatives, his friends, his community, and his church. Ever a friend in need, he has endeared himself to a wide circle of friends, who appreciate his many kind deeds, and honest upright life he has led. Ever foremost in all civic enterprises, he has held many trustworthy positions. Now an efficient director in one of Tyler's leading banks, his business judgment is appreciated by all his colleagues. As chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist church, his wise loving leadership has helped carry this church into many high endeavors for good to the world. Truly we can say of him. His life has not been lived in vain, and he has proven himself every inch a man. He recently in 1927 celebrated his 74th birthday.

5. Albert James Philips, born March 7, 1855, educated in St. Clair county, Ala., schools, until 1870, when he too went to Tyler, Tex., where he finished school. Clerked for Yarbrough and Wimberly, also Wimberly and Philips. In 1880 he engaged in grocery business with A. P. Moore, for two years. In 1882 he went into business of sheep raising, with his brother Jere C. Philips, and they bought land in Jones county, Texas for this purpose. He returned to Tyler in 1883 and was taken seriously ill with fever, from which he died Oct. 30, 1883, buried at Tyler, Texas. On January 6, 1881, he had married Miss Vird Logan, a highly accomplished



teacher of Tyler, Tex., who came of an old aristocratic southern family of Tennessee. She was a most devoted wife, a woman of rare judgment and tact, with a love for the high, noble things of life. She mourned his passing greatly. They had lived a happy, carefree life on the broad Texas prairies. After his death, she returned to teaching, and in 1885 was elected head of a Girls' College in Dallas, Texas, which place she admirably filled. Her memory is still dear to many girls, whose lives she helped to mould, and whose wise leadership and love bridged many a dark hour for them. The writer, May Philips desires to place this memorial to her, as one of those girls, she influenced deeply, and her memory is to me one of the dearest assets of my life. A truer woman, a nobler friend, never lived than Vird Logan Philips. On June 3, 1886, she married R. H. Brown, a prosperous merchant of Tyler, Texas, with three daughters and one son. He, a true gentleman of the old Virginia type made her a loving companion and the children were raised to be exemplary citizens, now occupying important positions. Their home on S. Fannie Avenue, Tyler, Tex., was ever open to their friends and especially the young people, Many rare memories cling to the dear old home, which was destroyed by fire in 1924. Mr. Brown passed away in Nov. 1924, mourned by all who knew him. Mrs. Brown took charge of his darge Sunday school class at the First Baptist church and carried it on successfully until death came to her on June 8, 1927. One of God's noblest creations who had utilized every moment of her life for the uplift of humanity. Her place can never be filled.

6. Nora Philips, born Sept. 21, 1857, lived and educated at home, until she was a young

lady, taught school in Alabama, and also in Married William M. Elledge, Dec. 31, 1885, at the home in Ashville, Ala. They moved later to Cleburne, Texas, and in 1889 made the run into the new country—Oklahoma—securing a home and business site in Norman, Okla., (now the seat of the State University of Oklahoma). He opened up business with a wagon load (\$90) worth) of groceries, sold these out, and drove to Oklahoma City, 20 miles for a new supply that night, to be ready for business next day. They prospered here and made many friends. They raised six children, Irene Lillian, William Gordon, Mary Merle, Ralph Briggs, Raymond Philips and Vernon Le Roi. Later they moved to Beeville, Austin, Brenham, and are now living in Houston, Texas. They deserve much credit for the fine family they have raised, each being given a High School and University education, and now occupying important places in their different avocations, carrying down the Philips-Elledge name with distinction.

Irene Lillian Elledge, born Oct. 18, 1886, educated in Oklahoma, Texas, and Chicago Universities, now Principal of Music instruction in Houston, Texas public schools. A young woman of high ideals, and fine business judgment.

William Gordon Elledge, born Sept. 22, 1888, a prosperous business man of Brenham, Texas.

Mary Merle Elledge, born May 31, 1891, educated in Oklahoma, Texas and California Universities, held many positions as teacher in California schools. Married Ralph Greenwood, a naturalized Canadian, in San Francisco, Cal., on July 31, 1926. They now live at Merced Falls, California. They have a young son. She is a most unusual girl, with a determination to succeed, both educationally and financially, and has done much to make her life full of interest.

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A member of Tri Delta Sorority.

- Ralph Briggs Elledge, born Aug. 20, 1893. A young engineer of much promise, was drowned in Belle Isle, Oklahoma City while boating. He was enrolled in Engineering Department State University, at Norman, Oklahoma, at the time of his death.

Raymond Philips Elledge, born June 14, 1896. Educated at Texas University, Austin, Texas, and also has law degree from same school. He was First Lieutenant during the World War, and served with much distinction. He married Miss Minnie Stockton of Giddings, Texas, Aug. 27, 1917, who traces her lineage to the famous Knox and Stockton families of New Jersey and Delaware, a member of Daughters of American Revolution. Now living in Houston, where he is rising in his chosen profession, and associated with a prominent firm of attorneys. They have two children, Jane Elledge, born Jan. 26. 1919: Raymond Philips Elledge Jr., born Nov. 29, 1920.

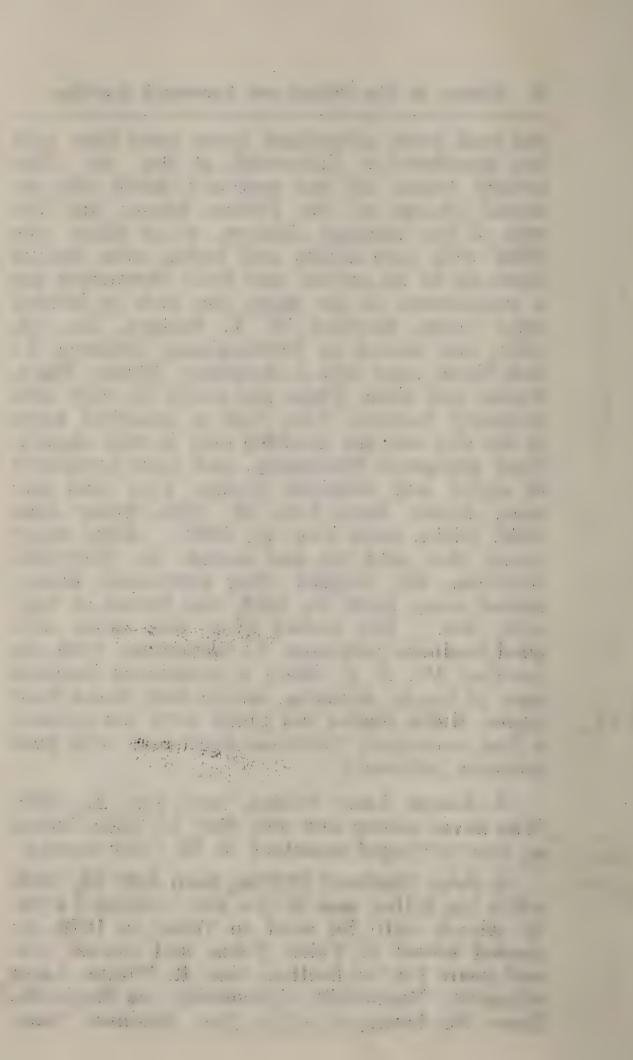
Vernon Leroi Elledge, born June 15, 1900. Graduate of Texas University, after his graduation he took a position in one of the banks of Italy in California, and made his home with his sister. Merle, but deciding upon law as his chosen profession he returned to Austin, Texas, and took his law degree in 1927 with honor. also did a great deal of journalistic work on "Texas Law Review" and "Daily Texan," and other periodicals. His fine solo voice made him much in demand for church choir and Glee Club work. He is now practicing law in Houston, Texas and we expect much of him in his chosen

field.

<sup>7.</sup> Margaret Libbie Philips, born Aug. 23, 1859. Educated in the county schools of which

she took every advantage, spent some time with her grandmother Yarbrough at the old Yarbrough home. At her mother's death she sumed charge of the Philips house; and the care of the younger children, which place she filled with rare ability and loving care, raising them all to be grown, and their characters are a compliment to the pains she took in looking after them. Married W. T. Hodges, Jan. 21, 1885, and moved to Birmingham, Alabama, Le had three sons and a daughter, Elmer, Hugh, Purser and Eula. These she cared for with true motherly instinct. They had a beautiful home in the city and she presided over it with dignity. They prospered financially, and were prominent in social and religious circles. 'they had two sons, Josiah, born Feb, 18, 1886, dying June 1886. Hicks, born Nov. 11, 1887. After many years, they sold out and moved to Odenville, Alabama, Mr. Hodges after protracted illness, passed away April 15, 1919, was buried at Ashville, Ala. She looked after the estate with good business judgment. In November, 1926 she married Mr. S. J. Hare, a prominent business man of Leeds, Alabama, where they make their home. Hicks makes his home with his mother, a fine, exemplary Christian gentleman with good business judgment.

- 8. Joseph Lane Philips, born Jan. 21, 1861. Was never strong and died May 14, 1865, buried at Bray's Chapel cemetery in St. Clair county.
- 9. John Pinckney Philips, born July 17, 1862, while his father was in the war. Attended county schools until he went to Texas in 1878, attended school at Tyler, Texas and clerked several years for his brother, Geo. R. Philips. Later attended Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. He developed into a fine business man,



very affable, keen business insight, and very popular with his friends, who were many. He went into the paint manufacturing business at Gadsden, Ala. Married Miss Gay Philips of Lexington, Miss., Nov. 21, 1888, sold out at Gadsden, and went to work for Birmingham Dry Goods Company, as bookkeeper which place he held until his death which occured May 28, 1897, buried at Woodlawn cemetery, Birmingham, Ala. His untimely death was quite a shock to all his family, with whom he was quite a favorite, and his real life seemed to be just beginning. They had no children. His widow later married a Mr. Beall and lives at Memphis, Tenn.

10. Nancy Rebecca Philips, born April 10, 1864. Attended county schools, helped manage the home after her mother's death. Married R. J. Hogan, Dec. 19, 1887, and moved to Birmingham. Had three children, John Preston, Pinckney Gay and Ruby May Hogan. She later returned to the farm and lived for several years. On Nov. 9, 1909, she married Thomas W. Roberts of Birmingham, and made their home in Woodlawn. She has lived an exemplary, useful life devoted to her children, all of whom do her credit. She now makes her home with her son, Pinckney and wife, as Mr. Roberts died Jan. 4, 1919.

James Preston Hogan, born Jet. 1, 1888. Married Velma Ray, Aug. 21, 1925. Served in World War as Sargeant. He is a very efficient and capable elevator engineer, has held an important position with Otis Elevator Company for many years, living in many large cities, now in

Birmingham, Ala.

Pinckney Gay Hogan, born Feb. 25, 1892. Married Mayme Erwin of Birmingham, July 19, 1924. He was chief electrician in the U. S.

Navy for several years, and was in all parts of the Globe during the World War. He is an expert electrician, and now has charge of the Southern Building in Birmingham. A good mixer, fine physique, affable and pleasant, he makes many friends. They have a new bunga-low home near East Lake in Birmingham.

Ruby May Hogan, born July 19, 1890. Married John H. Johnston, Aug. 25, 1912. Lived in St. Louis, Mo., for many years. She was a competent saleslady for Nugents in St. Louis. She was taken very ill, following a throat operation, and in spite of every thing that doctors, nurses and loved ones could do, she passed away at her mother's home, March 2, 1924. Buried at Birmingham. Another bright life cut off in its prime.

11. Reuben Littleton Philips, named for his two grandfathers, Reuben Philips and Littleton Yarbrough, born June 8, 1866. Educated in county schools, and at Ashville, Ala., walking the four miles both ways every day. Clerked awhile there for W. T. Hodges. He followed his older brother to Tyler, Texas, where he clerked, being promoted to bookkeeper, and later cotton buyer for his brother's store, Wimberly & Philips, the business being so large required a man on the streets all during the cotton season. He was married on Oct. 15, 1891 to Miss May Siddons, of Waxahachie, Texas, daughter of John S. and Emma Browning West Siddons, one of the earliest settlers of that town. They bought a home on E. Front Street and lived seven happy years in this town, making many friends, many of whom are still bound by the same endearing ties. In 1899 the lure of the golden west beckoned to them, and they moved to Norman, Oklahoma, then only ten years old, and went in



the grocery and dry goods business with his brother-in-law, W. N. Elledge. This continued until 1902, when selling out to Mr. Elledge, he moved to Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma (1907) and engaged in mercantile business until 1914, when he entered Real Estate Loan and Insurance business, which he still follows. Here they still live among many good, true, trusted friends, members of the First Baptist church, of which he is Deacon and church clerk. They own a home of half a block surrounded by tall maples, where the latch key ever hangs on the outside, for relatives and friends. They have raised two boys, and one daughter, Marguerite, James Herbert and Reuben Littleton Jr.

Marguerite Lillian Philips, born at Tyler, Texas, Nov. 19, 1892, entered school at Norman, Okla., later Pauls Valley, where she was valedictorian of her graduation class in 1910. Entered Central State Normal at Edmond, that year, and graduated with highest honors, specializing in Primary Teaching work and Domestic Science, in June 1912. Taught Primary Work in Lindsay, Pauls Valley and Purcell, Oklahoma. While at home over weekend from Purcell, she was taken ill with appendicitis, an operation was necessary, and unsuccessful, in one week she had passed on, Nov. 19, 1915, on her twenty-third birthday. A maiden of wonderful attainment, a rare genuis with her needle, made friends of everyone, her going left a void that can never be filled in her home.

James Herbert Philips, born at Tyler, Texas, Nov. 16, 1894. Educated in Pauls Valley, graduated from Grammar school, 1909, High School in 1913. Entered Oklahoma University, and graduated in Electrical Engineering in 1919, B. S. Degree, Master Degree Electrical Engineering,

1922, E. E. Degree, went to New Jersey and worked for Marconi Wireless at Roselle Park, N. J., as Assistant Chief Tester, which plant was absorbed by General Electric, and he was moved to Schenectady, New York, and made Assistant to Radio Engineer in charge of receiver department. Returned to Oklahoma in 1922 to get his Master's Degree. Engaged in Radio Retail business until the spring of 1923 when he took charge of Carrier Current, Telephony and Radio Interference for the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Oklahoma City. He is much interested in scientific study, and invented a Dynamo electrostatic mackine for stepping up and down D. C. voltages, without a communicating ripple. This invention was taken over by the General Electric, but bears his name. He is mentioned in "Who's Who in Engineering." Member of American Association of Engineers, Sigma Tau and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternities, and a member of Electrical and Social clubs. Professor of Electricity Engineering in Vocational Night School of Oklahoma City for three years. He married Maebelle Fulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fulton of Sulphur, Oklahoma in Washington, D. C., at the home of her Uncle Judge Hicks, on Sept. 5, 1920, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Virginia. They have three sons: Dickson Addison Philips, born July 13, 1921; James Lander Philips, born June 6, 1923; Ross Siddons Philips, born July 1, 1926. Their home is now in Oklahoma City.

Reuben Littleton Philips Jr., born at Norman, Oklahoma, Aug. 10, 1902. Graduated from Pauls Valley High School 1919, graduated from Oklahoma University in Civil Engineering in 1925. Member of Sigma Tau and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternities. Held several lucrative positions at McAlester, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Ft Smith, \_\_\_\_

Ark. Employed by State Highway Department in 1925, now Resident Engineer in charge of construction of bridges. Headquarters, State Capitol. He married Miss Rebecca Bates of Oklahoma City, Oct. 23, 1926, a young lady of charming personality, and of splendid lineage. He is at present located at Cushing, Oklahoma.

12. Sallie Philips, born Dec. 21, 1867. Educated at Ashville schools until nearly grown, when she visited Mrs. Albert Philips in Tyler, Texas, and remained to attend school there several years. She was a vivacious attractive girl, who made many friends. Upon her return to Alabama, she married James A. Hodges, Dec. 12, 1885. They lived in Ashville and prospered. Had a large mercantile business, and a beautiful Colonial home. They raised six children. Her death came suddenly and unexpected after a short illness in February, 1919. Her husband survived her three years, both lie peacefully in the Ashville Cemetery, they helped to make. Their children are:

Effie Hodges, living in Jacksonville, Fla.

Elizabeth Hodges, Mrs. Howard Hill, Opalocha, Fla.

Kate Hodges, Mrs. Jim Beason, Birmingham,

Ala., four nice children.

George Hodges, married Burnette North, two children, Birmingham, Ala.

Philip Hodges, Ashville, Ala.

James Hodges, Jacksonville, Fla.

13. Susie Augusta Philips, born June 3, 1869. Educated in county and Ashville schools, kept house for her parents after the older girls had left home. Very efficient, trustworthy and loved by everyone for her fine character. She married J. J. Burks of Vincent, Alabama, a highly respected farmer of Shelby, County, and they

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live on their broad acres, content and happy, esteemed by all who know them. They have no children, but have raised as a daughter a young girl, Inez Davis, she has been a great pleasure to them, and will reflect credit upon them in return for their kindness and love. Inez married a young engineer and now lives in Columbus, Georgia.

14. Lily Eugenia Philips, born June 26, 1871. Educated at Ashville schools, passed her girlhood with her father. Mother Bettie and sister Susie at the old home, dispersing sunshine by ler genial disposition and happy ways, until her marriage to Dr. W. A. Beason, one of the best and most loved physicians of St. Clair county. She took every advantage to become better educated, and to be a real helpmate to her husband. She spent her life doing good. County Chairman of Red Cross during the World War, member of Board of Education of St. Clair county, the schools owe much to her wise leadership. Equally prominent in church and social circles, a leader in U. D. C. work, every where she left footprints of love and sacrifice of self. They had no children, but from her beautiful Colonial home, none needy were ever turned away. She made a home for, and ministered to her step-mother, Bettie, and made her last days peaceful and happy. Gracious, cultured, she was a type of woman whom all delighted to honor. She passed away to join her many loved ones Dec. 15, 1925, very suddenly, after a serious operation at Gadsden, Ala. On a beautiful knoll in Ashville Cemetery she rests, just over the hill from her much loved home. Her resting place carefully tended by a devoted husband who mourns her deeply.

# TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

The death of Judge James C. Philips of Birmingham on the 2nd of July was the taking away of another of our former St. Clair men. He was the eldest son of the late James M. Philips and lived on the home plantation until he was 21 years of age when he went to eastern Texas and was mail agent on the Cotton Belt R. R., for a number of years. Later he purchased a large acreage of West Texas lands and engaged in stock raising. In 1885 he returned to his home state and county and married the eldest daughter, (Janie) of J. H. Vande-grift of Branchville. Soon after this he was elected County Judge of Jones county, Texas. Serving in this capacity for several successive terms. About 20 years ago he returned to Birmingham where he owned a pretty home in West End and lived until his death.

Judge Philips was 67 years of age, and every year of that life was a shining example to his associates. As a boy he was kind, respectful and loyal to parents, associates and friends; as a young man he was clean in his habits, honest in his dealings, respected and loved by all who knew him; as a man to admire and appreciate his wonderful strength of character and lovable nature. He was a desirable neighbor, a fond companion, an indulgent father and a member of the Baptist church. Too much cannot be said of this man's many noble traits of character, for he was truly one of God's noblemen. He left to mourn his departure a widow and one daughter, Mrs. S. R. Batson of Birmingham, and several brothers and sisters who live in Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama. He was buried in the beautiful Elmwood cemetery of Birmingham on the third of July, 1919, where

the attendance of many friends and many beautiful flowers bore mute witness of the manner in which he was held by those who knew him in life.

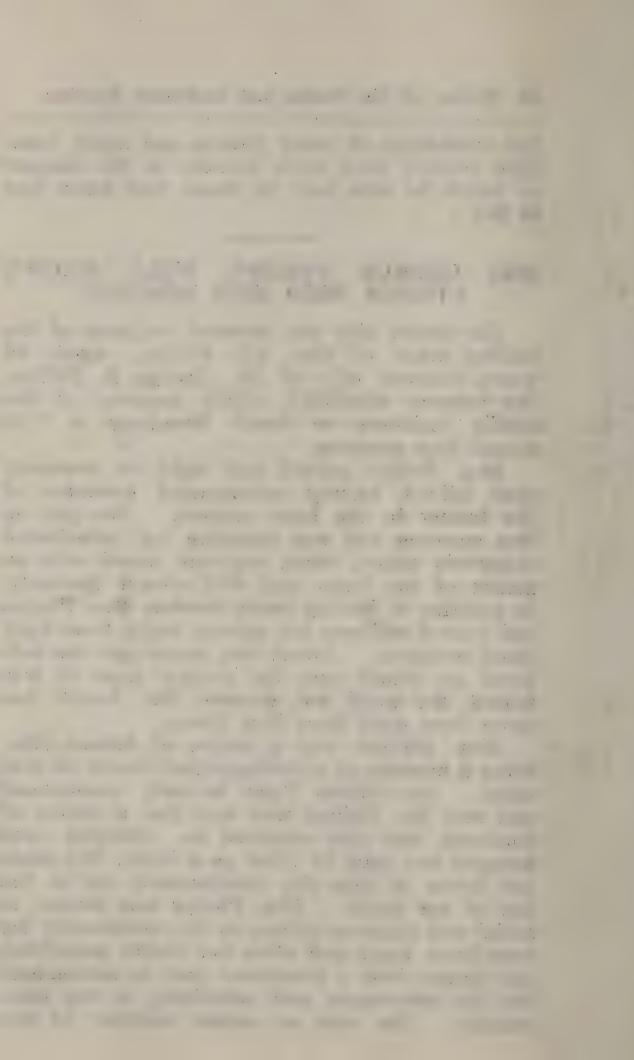
## MRS GEORGE PHILIPS, WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIED THIS MORNING

Our entire city was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Ada Philips, aged 66 years, beloved wife of Mr. George R. Philips, the veteran merchant, which occurred at the family residence on South Broadway at 7:20

o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Philips retired last night in unusually good spirits, having accompanied members of the family to the band concert. She got up this morning and was pursuing her accustomed household duties, when she was seized with an attack of the heart and died almost instantly. In addition to having heart trouble, Mrs. Philips had been a sufferer for several years from high blood pressure. About two years ago she suffered an attack and for several days it was feared she could not recover. Her health has never been good since that illness.

Philips was a native of Athens, Ala., being a member of a distinguished family of that state. She visited Tyler in early womanhood and met Mr. Philips who was also a native of Alabama, and who returned to Alabama and brought her back to Tyler as a bride. She made her home in this city continuously up to the day of her death. Mrs. Philips was active in social and religious affairs in this community for over forty years and when her health permitted, she always took a prominent part in movements for the betterment and upbuilding of the community. She was an ardent member of the



First Baptist church and was identified with that denomination in early life. It was her greatest pleasure to do service for her Master. In addition to raising a large family of her own, she also raised several nephews who became prominent men in Texas affairs. She was a loving wife, an affectionate mother and a kind neighbor. She was conspicuous among charity workers of the city and was liberal with her gifts to the poor and needy.—Tyler Courier.

## FIFTY YEARS A TYLER MERCHANT—WE CONGRATULATE MR. GEO. R. PHILIPS

This week, according to large announcement appearing in all Smith county newspapers, Geo. R. Philips & Sons will inaugurate a "Golden Jubilee Sale" in observation of the completion of fifty years in business. This event now beginning is in anticipation of Jan. 1, 1926, which date will be just 50 years after the estab-

lishment of the business on Jan. 1, 1876.

The firm will certainly be congratulated and doubtless both congratulations and felicitations will come in double portion to the Senior Mr. Geo. R. Philips. Doubtless, as he contemplates the vista of the past, the half century of effort which, small at first has fruited into the big establishment of today, he must feel that a Merciful Providence has been kind to him. And for that, we doubt not, this dean of Tyler merchants cherish a gratitude toward his God that no words at his command can express.

It is a great thing to be spared in health and strength to work for fifty years, a great thing to see one's business grow, a great thing to accumulate enough of the world's goods to assure that one's last days need not be spent in

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or near the border-line of want. But all of these considerations are trifling, we dare say, as George R. Philips reviews the past, for doubtless the larger and more priceless considerations that will loom up before him as makes that retrospective survey will be the friends he has made, friends that have been his through two and even three generations in many families. And, if he is too modest to do it himself, his friends who are in every walk of life, both prominent and obscure alike, will place as the capstone upon the pyramid of his business success the good name that he has forged of the pure gold of honest service, and burnished with kindly deeds and unfailing cheerfulness are good will toward his fellows.—Tyler Courier.

The Journal would deem it as almost out of place to advert further to the business aspects of the methods which he has adopted to celebrate the half century mark of his business career in Tyler. Rather would The Journal like to be set down as among his friends who merely offer to him their congratulations and good

wishes in simple, unaffected sincerity.

A tribute from the U. D. C. Chapter at Ashville, Alabama.

### A TRIBUTE

"The silver cord is losed, the golden bowl is broken" and the spirit of Mrs. Lillie Philips Beason has returned unto God, who gave it. A woman of beautiful character and rare accomplishments, she was ever ready to exercise her splendid executive ability, fine judgment and untiring energy in the interest of all worth-while projects, thus measuring up to the highest standards of faithfulness as a citizen, as a woman, and as a Christian.

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Truly do we, the daughters of the noble cause she loved and upon which she lavished gifts of substance and of service, rise up and call her blessed. In fragrance her memory will abide and by her spirit shall we be led to higher and nobler achievements. Radiant with the ineffable glory of her Savior's presence, we feel that she is alive forever more, so we can say:

"Only goodnight, beloved, not farewell: A little while and we with you shall dwell In blessed union, indivisable— Goodnight, goodnight, goodnight." -Clara Inzer Montgomery.

#### DEATH OF MISS MARGUERITE PHILIPS

With the first flickering streaks dawn on Friday morning, November 19. 1915, one clear call came for Marguerite, loved and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Philips. On Monday she underwent an operation for appendicitis and while considered serious, it was a terrible shock when friends realized the end was near, and at 4 a.m., she met her Pilot, face to face. Miss Philips passed away on her 23rd birthday, the entire community mourns her going. A young lady of unusual talents, well educated, of fine character, beautiful in appearance, and a universal favorite in Pauls Valley, and surrounding cities, where she has visited, and made scores of friends. She was valedictorian of her class in Pauls Valley High School, Class of 1910. Graduated in 1912 from Central State Normal with high honors. Taught in Lindsay schools two years, Pauls Valley one, and was teaching in Purcell this term when taken ill. Whenever she undertook anything it was her intention to do it well, this seemed to be her motto in life. Her devotion

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to her family was indeed beautiful, her mother especially being her loving companion and confidante, to her two brothers she was an ideal sister and "pal" and to her father joy and sunshine. The home will miss her every hour. The last earthly services were held at the home on Walnut street, where she had spent so many happy girlhood hours on Saturday morning, where the body was taken from its nest of beautiful flowers, attesting the love and loyalty of friends, to the "Cemetery on the hill" there, beside her loved grandmother to sleep dreamlessly the last long sleep. The casket of pale grey, lined with fragrant white and pink carnations, her favorite flowers, was a fitting bed for the fair form in its lacy robe misted in tulle, a robe fashioned by her own fingers when in the joyous tide of living. The soft hair was confined with the filmy knotted tulle banded about the marble brow, and from the lightly clasped hands, a sweet bunch of carnations were drooping, just as she had gently relinquished the thread of life only a short time before. The casket seemed entirely supported by lilies, roses, chrysanthemums and flowers of every hue from nature's garden. The service opened by the singing of "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", sung by eight voices, led by her dear friend, Mr. Tom Connor. Scripture reading by Rev. Jones and Rev. Reaves of the Baptist church. A special quartette was sung, followed by talks by Mr. A. R. Hickam of Oklahoma City, her great friend, advisor and teacher, another talk by Judge J. D. Mitchell, a dear and cherished friend of her's. Closing remarks by Rev. Reaves who had known her since childhood following by a touching prayer. As the friends went by for a last glimpse of the charming maiden loved in life, sorrowed for in death, the friends sang "Asleep in Jesus." The services

were concluded at the cemetery, where in the fern covered grave, was gently lowered the casket, by the pall bearers, Messers. E. W. Low, J. D. Mitchell, W. C. Van Hoozer, S. S. Reed, Monroe Osborn, A. R. Hickman, Ben White and Joe McClain, Honorary pall bearers were members of the Alternate Saturday Club of which she and her mother were both members; the Class of P. V. H. S. of 1910, and Misses Allie Young of Purcell, Katherine Wagner of Lindsay, Sue Koontz of Lindsay, Nancy Houghlin of Pauls Valley and Mrs. Chas. Adams of Wynnewood. The service closed with the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" and she was left "until day breaks, and the shadows flee."

-Pauls Valley Democrat.

#### WORLD WAR RECORDS

1. George Houston Philips, Tyler, Texas, Sergeant 1st Class. Quarter Master Corp.

2. Pinckney Gay Hogan, Birmingham, Ala., Chief Electrician, Navy, U. S. A.

3. Preston Hogan, (overweight at beginning of war) Sergeant at close. Birmingham, Ala.

4. Raymond Philips Elledge, Houston, Texas,

First Lieutenant.

5. Burk Yarbrough, Ashville, Ala., 4th Regiment, 31st Div. Replacement on the Rhine until Aug. 1919.

6. Fitts Yarbrough, Ashville, Ala. Supply Department, Corporal 31st Div. Headquarters Bor-

deaux, France, until July, 1919.

- 7. John Yarbrough, Ashville, Ala., Training Camp Tuscaloosa, Ala. Released in Dec. 1918, needed at home.
  - 8. George Hodges, Ashville, Ala.
  - 9. Philip Hodges, Ashville, Ala.

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10. Allen Thurman Cox, Ashville, Ala., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. 16th Co., Sch. Co. Co. K, Co. G. Remount Depot. Discharged 1919, Capt. R. C. Wells.

11. James Herbert Philips, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Enlisted at Wynnewood, Okla., 1918. Discharged on account of physical disability.

12. James Kelly Philips, Gadsden, Ala. Enlisted Aug. 31, 1918, Medical Department. Hon-

orably discharged Dec. 11, 1919.

13. George Willis Philips, Gadsden, Ala. Trained at Camp Pike, Ark., served in France with 330th Infantry, 83rd Division. Enlisted September 6, 1918, honorably discharged Feb. 14. 1919.

14. Benjamin Jackson Philips, physical disability, but helped build ships, being a fine machinest, working for Merrell Stephens Co.

15. Lucian Philips, Sherman, Miss.

16. Carl Philips, Sherman, Miss.



